

the existence of local lotteries I think becomes a moot issue anyway. But on the chance that we are groping our way toward trying to bring the best out of a bad situation, I think Senator Beutler's amendment is a grope in the right direction.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins. Not here. Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, do you want to talk on the Beutler amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would support the Beutler amendment. I find it a little amazing that the DeCamp amendment got adopted as easily as it did to allow for these local lotteries once again to exist in addition to the state lottery. It seems clear to me that again the meritorious part of the bill was that it eliminated local lotteries and provided for one state lottery. With the DeCamp amendment you now have not only the state lottery but you have the local lotteries and any additional local lotteries that should come into existence in the future. So what you have is a proliferation of lotteries here, there and everywhere. I think what Senator Beutler is saying is...with his amendment is, okay, we will keep the local lotteries that are there now to make them only applicable to local jurisdictions, no additional lotteries and let's try and limit them in that fashion, at least. But what has happened, I can't quite understand because previously we had amendments to this bill that not only would not have allowed the state lottery but would have eliminated the local lotteries, and those came very close to being adopted, yet now we have adopted an amendment which does just the opposite of what I thought a good portion of this body seemed to feel was important, that being not having local lotteries proliferate in the State of Nebraska. So if we are going to have local lotteries, I think Senator Beutler is right in trying to limit their jurisdiction and do the best that we can to see that they aren't out of hand.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I have a question for Senator Beutler if he will yield.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler. He is coming in now.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. Senator Beutler, I know that it is happening in Omaha. I don't know about the rest of the state, but several of the churches and schools and organizations now have and probably will have in the future